



North Carolina
Retirement Counselors

Retirement Frequently Asked Questions

Q. TRICARE

- A. Grey area retiree's contact local VA representative, may qualify for TRICARE retired reserve.
- A. 60 and over are automatically enrolled in TRICARE standard.
- A. 65 and over need to use Medicare Part B, then have TRICARE as secondary.

Q. When am I eligible for retired pay?

- A. Eligible at age 60 to collect retirement pay.
- A. Effective 28 Jan 2008, reduced eligibility age for Soldiers of the ready reserve who serve on active duty in support of contingency operations. 90 day increments within the same Fiscal year.

Q. When should I complete my packet?

- A. At age 58 you should receive your packet in the mail.
- A. Age 59-60 you should contact your local unit or state retirement counselors to assist with packet.

Q. What Documents do I need?

- A. When applying for retired pay your application should consist of:
 - DD Form 108 (Application for Retired Pay)
 - DD Form 2656 (Data for Retired Pay Benefits)
 - SF1199A (Direct Deposit Form)
 - NGB Form 23C (ARNG RPAM Statement for Retired Pay)
 - Copy of Notice of Eligibility (20 or 15 year letter)
 - DD Form 2656-5 (RC-SBP Election Certificate)

Q. What is the state pension?

- A. North Carolina Provides a state pension for members who have served 15 years or more in the North Carolina National Guard.
- A. Provides a \$95.00 monthly pension for 20 years of service, plus \$9.50 per year after not to exceed \$190.00.
- A. Documents required are:
 - OTAGNC Form 127-1-R (Request for State Pension)
 - NC Form 170 (Direct Deposit Form)

Q. What is Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan?

A. The RC-SBP is designed to protect dependents of retirement eligible reserve Soldiers who die before his or her 60th birthday by leaving a percentage of retired pay for their dependents.

Q. How much retired pay will I receive?

A. You can **Estimate** your retired pay with SBP deductions by going to:
<https://www.hrc.army.mil/Calculators/SurvivorBenefitPayCalc.aspx>

Q. When and where can I get my retiree ID card?

A. Once your packet is processed you will receive a letter stating you are retired. Then you can receive your id card.

- Before age 60– Red ID card
- After age 60– Blue ID card

A. ID cards are given at any Active Duty or National Guard ID card facility.

Q. How do I get a copy of my DD214 or NGB 22?

A. North Carolina National Guard Soldiers contact 919-664-6000 ask for records.

A. All others contact National Archives at 866-272-6272.

Q. What happens if I am non-retained from a retention board?

A. Contact Retirement Counselor: you may still be eligible for retirement benefits.

A. Attend retirement briefing to review retirement options.



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